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Kevin J Barrett
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Washington, DC. 20554

Oct. 10, 2012

Dear Sir/Madam:

This letter is to advise your Agency about "Acts of Extortion" being perpetrated by phone service provider, Global Tel Link, and the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections. As you can tell by the address on the envelope that this letter was sent in I am a resident of the Pa. Dept. of Corrections, which I hope has no bearing on your review and consideration of my complaint outlined herein.

My complaint is that phone service provider, Global Tel Link, and the Pa. Dept. of Corrections are "Extorting" my family members, and friends, by placing what they describe as "Collect Call High Usage Blocks" on my family and friend's phones making it impossible for me to call them collect. I may call a specific number once or twice a month collect and don't understand how this can be considered "collect call high usage" warranting a block. They are doing this to all inmates who make collect calls. They are telling my family and friends that they have to set up a "Advance Pay Account" with Global Tel Link in order for them to receive a collect call from me, in other words they have to pay before they will remove the "phone block". I have been making collect calls to my family and friends for more than ten (10) years and have never had a problem, everyone I call has paid their bills. Now, Global Tel Link, and the Pa. Dept. of Corrections, have begun "EXTORTING" my family and friends.

When my family called their phone company they were told that they did not place a block on their phone, and in fact told them they were in good standing with the phone company, and even offered them a discount on long distance service. When they (family) called Global Tel Link, they were told that they (GTL) did not place a block on their phone, but they could set up a "Advance Pay Account", by giving them a debit card or credit card number, and then they would be able to receive collect calls from me. If Global Tel Link, or my family's phone company, didn't place a block on the phone, who did?

One specific instance of how Global Tel Link tried to "Extort" money from a family member is this. My Aunt in West Virginia, who I call about once a month, (is this "Collect Call High Usage") received a call from a representative of Global Tel Link asking for a Debit Card or Credit Card number so that they could set her up with an "Advance Pay Account", needless to say,

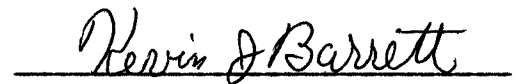
my Aunt refused to give them a debit or credit card number, several weeks later when I tried calling her my call would not go through. A message came on the phone saying that "we had exceeded our account balance". I don't know how we could have exceeded our account balance when we did not have their so-called Advance Pay Account.

The actions of Global Tel Link, and the Pa. Dept. of Corrections, amount to "Extortion", "Racketeering", and "Monopoly", which I ask your Agency to look into and take the appropriate action against. Keep in mind that this is not an isolated incident, as it is happening to all inmates who make collect calls. Should your agency need any further information please feel free to contact me at the address listed at the top of this letter.

I have attached herewith a memo, from Global Tel Link, that is posted inside the institution where I am housed, and a telephone discrepancy/request form that I filed with the institution, and their response, which shows the actions of Global Tel Link and the PA. Dept. of Corrections.

I wish to thank you for looking into this matter and I hope that your agency will take the necessary actions to stop this illegal activity. Should your agency not be the correct one to handle this matter I would ask that you advise me of what agency I may contact concerning this issue.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kevin J Barrett". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Kevin J Barrett



NOTICE

Enhanced Service for Family and Friends for Inmate Telephone Calling

integrity

innovation

responsiveness

accountability

During the week of July 26th, 2012, families and friends who receive phone calls from inmates in any Pennsylvania Department of Corrections facility will be **automatically** converted from their GTL Direct Billed accounts to a Global Tel-Link AdvancePay Account. Families' and friends' new GTL AdvancePay account will be identified by a **new number**, which will be **their ten digit phone number**. GTL is pleased to provide this enhanced service to the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections customers.

Changes associated with this conversion are as follows:

AdvancePay will be at **lower rates** than traditional collect calling. Mailed monthly statements will be eliminated. AdvancePay accounts can be managed and money can be deposited into an account in several ways.

Payments to an AdvancePay account can be made by:

- Using a MasterCard or Visa branded credit or debit card online at www.offenderconnect.com
- Calling GTL's automated number 1-800 483-8314
- Mailing a check or money order payable to Global Tel-Link at PO BOX 911722, Denver, CO 80291-1722

Regardless of the method:

Families and friends can manage phone numbers on their GTL AdvancePay Account, make payments, view balances online at the offenderconnect website and more!

Toll Free Number: 1-888-385-9366 • Fax Number: 251-473-2802

Hours of operation:

Monday-Friday, 8am to Midnight, EST
Saturday and Sunday, 9am to 8pm, EST

Mailing Address:

AdvancePay Service Dept.
Department 9111722
Denver, Colorado 80291-172

Website: www.offenderconnect.com

Pallott, Sylvia

From: Roberts, Donna (GRA)

Sent: Friday, September 21, 2012 11:39 AM

To: CR-CHS Counselors; CR-CHS Unit Managers; CR-CHS; CR-GRA

Good Morning:

If you have inmates complaining about collect calls not going through please have the inmate let their families and friends know that they will have to contact GTL at 1-888-385-9366 in regarding to the latest billing change. This could explain why the complaints are rising with collect calls not going through. (The complaints are that the calls are being disconnected as soon as the person answers the phone).

Apparently Global Tel Link has been advising users that their numbers are permanently blocked from receiving collect calls. There is a new procedure called Collect Call High Usage Block and each person receiving collect calls needs to call them to unblock their phone number and adjust their payment plan.

If this doesn't rectify the problem please have them fill out a discrepancy form.

Thank you!

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Inc
[REDACTED] 25
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Donna Lee Roberts | Site Administrator
Inmate Phones | Shawn Tech Communications Inc
SCI Chester 610.875.3571 | SCI Graterford 610.489.0125
C-donobert@pa.ici | www.shawntech.com

A-BLOCK TELEPHONE DISCREPANCY/ REQUEST FORM

Date: 9-30-12

To: Institutional Telephone Coordinator

From: Kevin J. Barrett DY-6599 A-B-2053
Name DC# Cell Location

PIN #: 675598

RE: Telephone Trouble

Please give a brief but detailed explanation about your telephone/pin problem. If you are having a problem with a specific telephone # ^{called} 304-384-9455 number(s), be sure to list them.

On 9-19-12 I called a family member in West Virginia and had No
Problems with my call going through. On 9-30-12 I tried calling
this same family member again and my call would not go through.
Phone rings & when answered a recording says "you have a
collect call from", a pause and then "you have a collect call
from". The recording does not say you have a collect call from
Kevin Barrett. After the second "you have a collect call from"
the recording says your call has not been accepted. I know my
call would be accepted if not for this GTL phone company and
the games they are playing. I ask that the block that the
institution, or GTL, has placed on this # be removed. I will not have my
Telephone Coordinator's Response family set up a Pay Pal or pre paid account.

See attached

Inmate's Signature Kevin J. Barrett

Unit Manager Hallatt

INMATES:

REGARDING THIS COLLECT CALL
PROBLEM YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS
NEED TO CALL GLOBAL TEL LINK (1-
888-385-9366) REGARDING THE
LATEST BILLING CHANGE. GLOBAL
TEL LINK WILL BE ABLE TO EXPLAIN
TO THEM THE PROBLEM AND
HOPEFULLY THIS WILL RESOLVE THIS
ISSUE.

THANK YOU
PHONE ROOM

Received 10-6-12
(Response to Telephone
Discrepancy/Request Form)

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Arnold Butcher BX1889

SCI-Greene

175 progress drive

Waynesburg PA 15370

TO: chairman Julius Genachowski

I'm writing in regards to the telephone high rates in the D.O.C here in PA. I'm a lifer of 22 1/2 yrs. I have family in chester PA where I was born in raise, And my mother lives in CA.

For all these yrs when I called collect to chester I was paying \$7.00 for 15 mins, now its \$6.00/\$5.00 something for 15 mins a call. Then on top of that you got to pay that high surcharge rate just to get through \$2.50, now if I only talk for 2 to 5 mins, that's what it would cost \$2.50.

Now it's even higher calling my mother. It's \$12.00 to \$13.00 for a collect call for 15 mins.

Even if I pre-paid call on my end, The rates is to high. ~~The~~ phone people is making Millions of dollars monthly off the inmates in the D.O.C system (27) prisons I believe, And on a yearly basis there making Billions.

And ~~to~~ SCI-chester, SCI-Graterford there calls is only \$1.60 to \$2.00 for a collect or pre-paid call. And other places like SCI-Greene is \$5.00! some charge for the exact same call in the same state. How can the price been different in the same state.

When some of the inmates got transfer to michigan they had it hook up where as we only paid \$1.60 for a 15 min call, And you was able to call multiply people in that 15 min span time And it still was \$1.60

I would like to thank you, And your staff for acknowledging this problem in trying to do something about it.

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RE: Joining the Prison Justice CAMPAIGN
against Global TelLink doling out Kick back
to the Pennsylvania Department of corrections.
Dear Mr. Genachowski I am dispatching you
this letter in regards to joining the Prison
Phone Justice campaign because of the horrific
extreme burden that has been placed on me
and my family members as a result of
Global Tel-link over charging me and my
family members in regards to collect calls and
pre-paid calls as a result of the Pennsylvania
Department of corrections receiving kick backs
from Global Tel-link has placed a tremendous
burden on me and my family members
financially.

Therefore I would like for my comments in
regards to my letter be placed in the petition
related to case docket number-96-128. AS I
honestly feel that something should be done to
stop unfair unethical practices of telephone
carriers providing kick backs to the Department
of corrections. AS I would like to thank you
for taking your time to review the contents of
my letter. Sincerely Yours. MR. Anthony German

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Mr. Calvin Walker
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Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, DC 20554

Re: Excessive's telephone rates Global Tel-link charges related to kick backs the Department of Corrections receives.

Dear Mr. Genachowski:

I am disoatching you this letter to join the prison phone justice campaign in regards to case docket number-96-129.

I am completely disgruntled because I am being charged excessive telephone rates by Global Tel-link when I use my pre-paid calling card. I also would like to bring to your attention when I call my family member's collect they incur the astronomical cost of my collect call which creates a adverse situation of my family member's being victimized by Global Tel-link in a surreptitious manner based on the crucial facts of the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections receiving kicks backs from Global Tel-link which is a devastating horrific burden on me and my family member's financially.

Therefore I would like the contents of my correspondence letter added to your Petition related to case docket number-96-129.

Moreover I would like to thank you for taking your time to review the contents of my letter concerning this matter because something has to be done about unethical telephone carriers doling out kick backs to the Department of Corrections which is completely ludicrous.

Sincerely Yours

Mr. Calvin Walker

cc: file



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Mr. Michael Jones
KK-9867
SCI-Greene
Waynesburg, PA 15370

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Re: Joining the Prison Justice Campaign against Global Tel-link doling out kick back to the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections.

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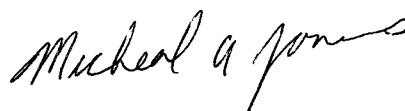
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As I would like to thank you for taking your time to review the contents of my letter.

Sincerely Yours

cc: file

Mr. Michael Jones



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Mr. John Cataquet
JL-5320
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Re: Global Tel-link doling out kick backs to the Department
of Corrections.

Dear Mr. Genachowski:

I am dispatching you this letter in reference to joining the Prison phone Justice Campaign based on the horrific intense burden in regards to the excessive outrageous telephone rates Global Tel-link charges me and my family member's which is a complete financial hardship creating a horrific burden on me and my family member's as a result of Global Tel-link disseminating kick backs to the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections.

As a result of my horrific experience of me and my family members being over charged is causing me to limit my calls to family members severing family ties which is very depressing for my family members.

As I would like you to add my unfortunate devastating situation that I have described in my correspondence letter to you, for you to incorporate my facts in your Petition related to case docket number-96-128. Moreover I would like to thank you for taking your time to review the contents of my letter concerning this matter.

Sincerely Yours

John Cataquet

Mr. John Cataquet

cc: file

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Date: October 13, 2012

From: [unclear] #93202
115 Progress Lane
Wageningen, FL 33710

Re: This is a public comment for the Wright Petition (cc docket #96-123)

Dear Chairman Genackowski,

Mr. Chairman, I'm crying for help and assistance on how is inmates in the State of Pennsylvania can get justice and equality from the high phone cost here in PA prisons? Why does a prison call in prison in the same state I'm making the call is over \$5.00 a call? I was housed in Michigan prison about a year and a half ago and we only payed \$1.50 a call anywhere in the United States.

I'm from Philadelphia which is on the other side of state, so I don't get to see my family or friends at all because its so far. So I can only call them and write letters, but the phone calls are so high that I only can call a few times a month and most of the time I got to neglect some of my essential need in order to try and keep some type of relationship and communication with my mother let alone my brothers and father.

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My little brothers doesn't even really know where his big brother is due to the burden of these high cost phone calls. My mother stresses herself out a lot from trying to scrape up money to send me so I can call her. So this injustice of these high cost phone calls has caused me and some of my family and friend to become estranged.

In conclusion, I ask you and the FCC to intervene for our justice and equality, so inmate all over PA. and other states can operate the phone at reasonable rates and ultimately this will keep families together and not broken apart. Mr. Chairman I want to thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely and Respectfully
Mr. Antwayne Reid 793202

Duane R. Lynch #820234
Washington State Penitentiary
1313 N. 13th Ave
Walla Walla, WA. 99362

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RE: Public comment for the Wright petition (cc Docket # 96-128)

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

I am writing you today to share my story of how the high phone prices have effected me with my involvement and interactions, as well as relationships with my family.

It costs me \$30.00 for a single 20 minute call to my daughter who resides in Florida, and with the sometimes faulty phone system that disconnects for no reason the phone money adds up quick.

I feel that high phone prices have effected my relationship with me and my daughter and me and my family in a very negative way. The phone is the only relationship builder I have available to me, other than mail and E-mails. I am only able to call once every 3 or 4 months, unless the phone disconnects. That is 3 or 4 months, without the more personal interactions with my daughter who is 11 years old. The lapse of times in communications due to high phone prices has in a sense isolated her and my communication.

we are not able to stay updated, or talk about her school, grades, friends, her personal life, leaving me feeling like a friend rather than her father.

My family isn't rich, they do all they can, but at \$30.00 a phone call, it becomes a burden for phone money and everyday costs of life in society, with bills, gas, etc. The story seems to be the same for many prisoners, it is sad but it is all too real.

Thank you for your time and consideration.



Duane Lynch #820234
Washington State Penitentiary
1313 N. 13th Ave
Walla Walla, WA 99326

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This is a public comment for the Wright
Petition (CC Docket #96-128).

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Dear Chairman Genachowski,

I am writing in regards to the unfair
high rates for us prisoners to call our
family friends and loved ones.

My first bad experience when the Carrier
blocking started was in 2003 when my mom
was dying from cancer. Never had a delinquent
or late bill, just out of the blue her phone
was blocked. Family members tried to get the
block lifted, to no avail!

Finally they added a 2nd line having
to pay for excavation to lay a new phone
line, etc, etc... on top of mounting ~~phone~~ medical
bills, It caused alot of added stress within
the family.

One sister paid fail Calls the \$50 deposit
to receive calls from me. Once the deposit
was paid she was then informed the \$50 would
cover 2-15 minute calls, then another \$50
would be required!

Presently I have 2 brothers who has
suffered strokes. One just recently, and due
to the Carrier Blocks I cant call.

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Arthritis runs in my family so its hard on a few family members to write that wish to keep in touch. Due to Carrier Blocks I cant call them either.

Recently I found out I had a adult daughter that I waent aware of. I have no way of trying to reach out via phone unless I choose to use a cell phone, which is illegal.

None of my family has ever had problems paying their phone bills yet this is a form of punishment putting unauthorized blocks on their phones.

This system is broken and needs fixing so we can communicate with our family and friends.

This is a crime and punishes our children, family, friends and our rights.

Sincerely,
Timmie Lee Fletcher

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To whom this may concern:

I am currently a prisoner at
S. C. i Greene. I am from the
U. S. Virgin Islands. Writing letters
and receiving them is always good,
but talking to friends and family is always
good to hear there voice. To call
the Virgin Islands is highway robbery from
a \$10.00 card & I'm on the western side
of P. A and to call the eastern side is like
\$5.70 which is ridiculous. I was just
sent to Michigan because P. A was too
overcrowded. The phone calls were a \$1.80
to anywhere in the U. S. Now back in P. A
they're killing us here. Please have someone
look into this please. We really
appreciate the effort from your group.
Thank you.

Lana Blue
KAREN GREENE #61856

This is a public comment for the WRIGHT PETITION * (CC DOCKET #96-128).

Chairman Julius Genachowski,
Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Chairman Genachowski,

I am writing to express my concern over the outrageous cost of telephone calls made from the prisons in the state of Wisconsin system and from the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

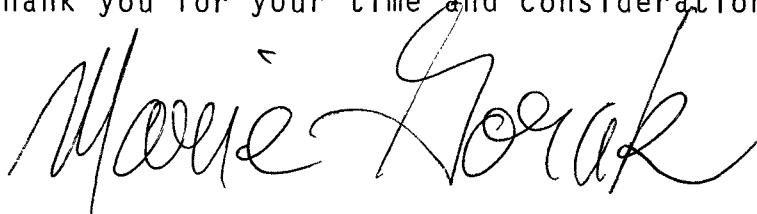
Our family includes three children who are now teenagers and have had limited verbal contact with their father for the past 6 years because of the high cost of collect calls and of calls that are pre-paid at alarming rates which include surcharges beyond a price per minute structure. This system must change.

Our family is made to suffer with the loss of a parent due to criminality, but it should not be made to further suffer for the financial benefit of corporations whose industry is in collusion with the prison systems to take advantage of a truly captive market and of vulnerable families.

Our family as a whole is forced to go without personal need items on a monthly basis for the ability to maintain verbal contact, which is already a poor substitute for contact visits in person, which are entirely too cost prohibitive given the vast distances the prisons are from our home.

Please recognize that some regulation must be enacted to stop these companies and prison systems from taking advantage of inmates and their families for the sake of profits and benefits.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Marie Gorak". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed text of the letter.

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"This is a public comment for the Wright Petition (CC Docket #96-128)."

Dear Chairman,
Julius Genachowski,

Unfortunately, I've been incarcerated unjustly for over 15-years now. Every single day I call my love ones & the stress of paying \$8.50-\$9.50 per call is beyond overwhelming. At times my wife has informed me of her financial situation which did bring strain to our relationship. But we've weathered the storm because of our love towards each other & of the necessary communication/networking which is essential in proving my actual innocence.

So, in closing I personally invite you to audit my calls & see if you're comfortable with these results. (1-217-481-0488 My Wife Angel). Also, I invite you to research my actual innocence. I've enclosed a fact sheet and letter for you. THANKS FOR YOUR TIME!

Plight. Lamarra Morritt P.S. An innocent man's

To whom it may concern,

Dear Chairman, Genachowski
(Wright Petition (cc Docket # 96-128))

My name is Jarmain Merritt. I am an inmate at Jacksonville Correction Center; I am writing you with the request that you take an in-depth look into my case. I was wrongfully convicted of a crime that I did not commit and therefore sentenced to serve thirty five years in prison.

It is my hope that you will comb through my trial transcripts so that you are fully aware of the facts surrounding this case. In doing so, you will find that not only was my trial council ineffective, but the trial itself was unjust. You can review my trial transcripts, police reports and affidavits online by visiting www.freejarmainmerritt.blogspot.com & www.facebook.com/freejarmainmerritt.

There has never been any evidence linking me to the crime for which I have been convicted. After being placed in several suspect lineups, neither victim nor witnesses were able to positively identify me as the perpetrator in this crime yet I was still convicted.

Due to my vigorous campaign efforts, my case has caught the attention of Professor Jane Raley at Northwestern University School of Law (Center on Wrongful Convictions) in Chicago. Professor Raley and her students are avid supporters of my case. I strongly encourage you to contact Professor Raley at 312-503-8576, she will be happy to discuss my case with you.

My case is currently being heard in federal court. My next court date is on October 26, 2012 at 9:00am, at the Dirksen Federal Building in downtown Chicago. The Honorable Judge Sharon Johnson-Coleman is the presiding judge (Case # 06-c-6296). I extend an invitation to this and all future hearing, as my fate rests in not only in the hands of Governor Pat Quinn, but also the hands of Judge Sharon Johnson-Coleman.

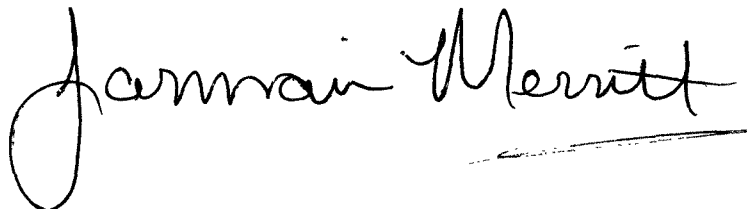
In closing I would like to say that this entire wrongful conviction has been a complete miscarriage of justice! It has not only affected me, but my entire family. I have been deprived the right to be an intricate part of my children's lives. My parents have been mental and spiritual supporters of mine.

Unfortunately, I have had to suffer the hurt of losing a parent while in prison. In December 2011 I lost my DAD. Waking up each day in prison for a crime that I did not commit is a feeling that I would not bestow upon anyone; however, waking up to find that I had lost a person so near and dear to me as my DAD, triggered a feeling in me I have yet to find words to describe!

My petition for Executive Clemency was submitted to Governor Pat Quinn's office in 2010 (Executive Clemency # 28980). I ask that you please review my petition and recommend my immediate release. Attorney Jeffery Levine is my new court appointed attorney. He is willing to substantiate the circumstances surrounding my case and wrongful conviction. Mr. Levine can be reached at (312) 372-4600.

I appreciate your time! I look forward to your response, and know that you will do your best in seeing that this injustice is rectified.

Sincerely,
Jarmain Merritt



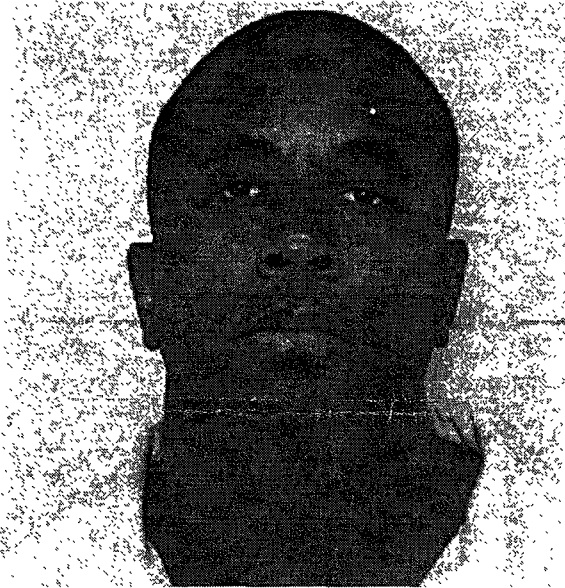
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JARMAIN MERRITT

Sentenced To 35 Years For a Crime That He Did Not Commit.



On September 6, 1997, Jarmain Merritt, a tire repair specialist, was organizing a block party for his son, Jockess' sixth birthday. Detectives drove up to his home with guns drawn. Moments later, Merritt found himself in a squad car heading to Forest Park where he was told he was wanted for a carjacking and other crimes, even though he claimed that he had never been there.

In Forest Park, Merritt was placed in several lineups, approximately 4-5 in each district. No one could identify him. Frustrated, the police told Merritt that he would be released if he signed some papers. Merritt realized it was a confession and he refused to sign. He was held by false drug charges while the police attempted to ID him with a different carjacking in Oak Park. Merritt was held without bond.

After six weeks, Oak Park Police took Merritt from Forest Park to Oak Park where he was again placed in several lineups. Eight hours later, he was charged with aggravated kidnapping and vehicular hijacking and was taken back to Cook County Jail.

The Kidnapping and Carjacking of Ida Vanessa Dorantes

On Saturday, August 30, 1997, Ida Vanessa Dorantes was the victim of an attempted carjacking. Dorantes told the police and the court that at about 1:15pm, she went to the St. Paul bank branch at 6020 W. Roosevelt Rd. to make a deposit for her mother. When she got back into her car, a man who had been hiding on the floor behind the seat grabbed Dorantes around the neck and ordered her to drive, threatening to kill her. Dorantes caught only a glimpse of his face.

After driving two blocks, she pulled up in front of her house. Dorantes honked the horn, parked the car and turned off the ignition, leaving the key in place. The man began hitting her in the head with his left fist while holding her in place with his right arm. Dorantes escaped and the perpetrator turned on the car again.

Raul Martinez, a bystander, saw the incident take place and tried to detain the attacker. Martinez was able to hit him a few times and turn off the car. The perpetrator started the ignition again and drove off. The police found Dorantes' car three blocks away. The car was immediately searched for evidence and fingerprints.

Merritt's Trial Counsel Was Ineffective

Julie Harmon, Merritt's public defender, had Investigator Paul Rossi interview Martinez in person. Martinez said that the incident lasted twenty-five seconds, he was not sure about the ID and that he could not be sure if the man was African American or Puerto Rican. Dorantes said that the whole thing lasted five minutes or less, that the offender was sitting behind her, and that she had not gotten a good enough glimpse of her attacker's face to make a positive ID. When asked if she could be wrong about Merritt, she said she did not get a look at him.

Public Defender Harmon submitted at least two motions to get the case against Merritt dismissed. His family pooled enough funds to retain Attorney Anderson J. Ward to represent him. P.D. Harmon told Ward that if she were called to testify, she would say that she had never felt so compelled to prove someone's innocence as she has been in Merritt's case. She highlighted the fact that she spoke to the victim who was unable to identify the perpetrator as Mr. Merritt.

Ward did not conduct a thorough investigation and never interviewed anyone involved. He also did not interview any of the five people who were with Merritt at his home at the time the crime was being committed. Ward pointed out that Merritt is right handed (the perpetrator was left handed) and that the fingerprints found in Dorantes' car did not belong to Merritt. Ward never examined the video tapes of the bank that police used as evidence. They were blank. Dorantes testified that the perpetrator was about 5' 10' and 150 pounds, wore a blue long sleeve button shirt and tan dress pants. She gave a description that could have been any African American man. It is believed that she was told by the police to give this description. She could not describe the offender to detectives and previously said that she doubted it was Merritt. At trial, she said that she was positive on the ID. Ward did not use this evidence effectively. He also missed five court dates and was late for trial.

Judge William Prendergast found Merritt guilty of aggravated kidnapping and vehicular hijacking and sentenced him to thirty-five years in prison. Prior to trial the prosecution had offered Merritt a plea bargain of seven years which he had refused. He was punished for maintaining his innocence in a crime that he did not commit.

Where Was Jarmain Merritt on August 30, 1997?

Jarmain Merritt was at his family residence at 1408 East 67th St. in Chicago, Illinois. He was with his son Jockess and his two month old daughter Jermani the entire weekend planning a party for his son. Merritt was home that day until late in the evening when he went to the corner store for some diapers. Also at Merritt's house that entire afternoon were his mother, Dorothy Burnett, his step-father, Frank Burnett, and his brother, Howard Burnett. Horace Hardy also spoke with Merritt by telephone that afternoon. He is a Cook County Sheriff's Correctional Officer and a family friend. Lashauna Pinkston stopped at Merritt's home at 1:25 that afternoon and spoke with him in person. Anderson J. Ward, Merritt's attorney, never called any of these individuals to testify.

Why did the police frame Jarmain Merritt for this crime?

According to police reports there were two perpetrators of the carjacking in Forest Park. During the carjacking that Merritt was first accused of, the victim heard one of the offenders call the other by a nickname, "Juice." Jarmain Merritt was known to the police by the same nickname. The victim of the Forest Park carjacking did not ID Merritt because he wasn't the suspect. However, he vaguely fit Ida Vanessa Dorantes' description in a different carjacking in Oak Park.

Police Investigation Tactics

Chicago Police falsely charged Merritt with drug possession while trying to pin the crime on him. Charges were dropped. The day before Merritt's arrest, the Forest Park Police visited the home of Merritt's mother. She was not home. They removed the window air conditioner, entered, and searched her house without a warrant. A neighbor called the CPD to report the incident. Police took Lashauna Pinkston to the police station where she was held and questioned for over 24 hours regarding his whereabouts, which she did not know. She was threatened with the seizure of her children and her own arrest if she did not tell them where Mr. Merritt was. She was not released until Merritt himself was arrested the following day.

Protest the Wrongful Conviction of Jarmain Merritt!

For more information go to <http://freejarmainmerritt.blogspot.com/>. Letters supporting Merritt's Petition for Executive Clemency can be sent to Governor Pat Quinn at the Office of the Governor, 207 State House, Springfield, IL 62706, Phone: 217-782-0244. Write to Cook County State's Attorney Anita Alvarez and demand that she grant a new trial to Jarmain Merritt! Email her at: statesattorney@cookcountyil.gov

Anyone with knowledge of the actual carjacking against Ida Vanessa Dorantes on August 30, 1997, please contact Mr. Merritt's attorney or the Chicago Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression.

Mr. Jeffrey Levine, Attorney at Law
20 N Clark Street # 800
Chicago, IL 60602-4119
312-372-4600

Chicago Alliance Against Racial and Political Repression
1325 S. Wabash Ave., Suite 105
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312-939-2750

You may also write a letter of support to Mr. Merritt during this difficult time.

Mr. Jarmain Merritt, B39606
Logan Correctional Center
P.O. Box 1000
Lincoln, IL 62656

" This is a Public Comment For the Wright Petition (CC Docket #96-128)."

Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th. Street. S.W.
Washington D,C. 20554

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FCC Mail Room

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

October 4, 2012

I am presently an inmate housed at the Roxbury Correctional Institution in Hagerstown, Maryland. This is just one of the many institutions in this State and this area that is in the business of robbing the poor through the phone system. I have been incarcerated for 28 years and I have family members and friends who phone numbers have not change in three decades, and never had a block put on there phone or ask to have one placed on there phone. T-Netix or Securus or whatever the company is calling it's self, is placing blocks on my family members and friends phone and are refusing to remove them when they are call and ask to. I have been experiencing number by number being block by this company, and when I large my complaint to the Institution there answer is always the same; Have your family call Securus ! Well my family did just that and Securus was trying to convince my family member to change phone carrier to there company or prepaid \$50.00 to use there services. My mother change her phone number to get around that problem just to see would that help, and it did for a little while. But once they pick up on a phone number that is being use regular. They throw a block on that number in hope that they can convince your family member or friends to change phone company carrier. This practice need to be stop.



Mr. Theo Lay, Jr.
ID No.: 177-433
18701 Roxbury Road
Hagerstown, Maryland 21746

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FCC Mail Room

Dear, Chairman Julius Genachowski, My NAME IS -
Michael Vaughn #1196635 I AM an INMATE IN THE VAD.O.C
KEEN MOUNTAIN CORRECTION CENTER. I HAVE some PROBLEMS
Lately BEING ABLE to MAKE Phone calls to my Family
BECAUSE OF THE COSTS OF Phone calls, I LIVE about 1 hour and
45 minutes FROM home and IT cost me about \$8 DOLLARS
PER Phone call TO my mother, and WHEN I call my
GRANDMOTHER IT cost ABOUT \$20 DOLLARS TO call her IN Tennessee
WHICH ISN'T, BUT ABOUT 2 hours FROM WHERE I AM at.

THE Phone SERVICE THAT THE Virginia PRISON SYSTEM
PROVIDES IS CALLED G.T.L. GLOBAL TEL LINK WHICH
IS BASED OUT OF DENVER, COLORADO, REALLY MAKES
THINGS DIFFICULT TO COMUTACTE WITH FAMILY. I AM
SERVING AN LIFE SENTENCE and I AM ONLY 30 years
I hope THAT SOMEWAY OR ANOTHER THING WILL
CHANGE WILL THE Phone SYSTEM THAT IS WHY HAVE
DECIDED TO WRITE YOU. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP

Sincerely yours

Michael Vaughn

Kern Valley State Prison
Facility D, Building 4

OCT 22 2012

FCC Mail Room

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

I'm writing you in hopes to persuade you into taking action regarding the high cost of prison phone calls.

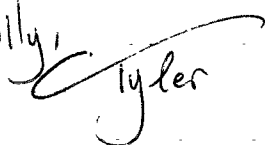
In prison it is imperative that inmates stay connected to loved ones to gain a better chance for rehabilitation. For me personally I get a lot of love and support from the phone calls I make. Each time I use the phone I am reminded that there is someone out there in the free world who cares about me and is counting on my success within these walls.

With phone calls being as expensive as they are I am forced to limit the amount of them I make. My family is struggling right now to pay the bills but never pass up the chance to talk to me and ask how I'm doing.

Letters are a great way to stay in touch but nothing can compare to a loved one's voice. Sharing recent stories about family and current events in real time is also a treasure that letters can not compete with.

With that said I hope you consider my plea along with others who share my sentiment. Please cap the rates charged for inmate phone calls across state lines. Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

 Tyler

OCT 22 2012

FCC Mail Room

"This is a public comment for the Wright Petition (CC Docket #96-128)"

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

I am an inmate at Montana State prison and would like to comment on the Wright Petition to lower costs of interstate prison phone calls. Rates are exorbitant and cost inmates and families more money than they are able to afford.

In this institution we are only paid at the rate of \$1.25 for each day that we work. Our Phone rates are \$4.75 for a 30 min. call. I have to work 4 days in order to pay for a call to my spouse or family. This would amount to nearly a \$400 call if I were payed an average wage on the streets. In perspective, of course.

My wife is out there trying to make ends meet as well as my family members.

I hereby urge you to pass the Wright Petition!

Sincerely,

Danny Sartain

Danny Sartain
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Montana State Prison
700 Conley Lake Rd.
Deer Lodge, MT 59722

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FCC Mail Room

Dear Chairman Bernickowski, OCT 22 2012 Oct 16, 2012

This is a public comment for the Wright Petition
(cc Docket #09-128) I'm a defendant in a county jail and
the high cost of making a 15 min phone call paid me
know contacting and communicating and have since
especially my sons that can't read or write yet, live
thousands away and a phone call would be my only way to
be with them and phone bills here are about \$6.00
for a 15 min we can only imagine how much it'll cost
just to stay in touch. This is such one way the high price
is effect me, my name is Emilio and this is my letter
to support the end of outrageous phone call prices in
Prison and Jails.

Respectfully,
Emilio

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FCC Mail Room

Dear "CHAZMAN GENACHOWSKI."

Thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedule to read this letter.

I AM DEEPLY EMBARRASSED TO HAVE TO WRITE TO YOU FROM PRISON TO BEGIN WITH. I AM "NEW YORK CITY" RESIDENT WHO HAS GOTTEN IN TROUBLE IN PENNSYLVANIA. CURRENTLY, I FOR THE LAST 6 YRS. I HAVE BEEN PAYING, RUGHLY & PAINFULLY \$ 9.30 FOR A 15 MINUTE PHONECALL. BEING WITHOUT ANY FAMILY IN THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, THIS REEKS HAVE ON MY FAMILY TIES BOTH MONETARILY, & PSYCHOLOGICALLY!

RECENTLY, MY GRANDFATHER PASSED AWAY RIGHT BEFORE HIS 95TH BIRTHDAY. A WEEK LATER HIS WIFE, MY GRANDMOTHER SUFFERED A STROKE... NOT BEING ABLE TO COMMUNICATE WITH MY

Don "Chamman" Lembeck

